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SUBJECT: Farmer Program Information System Changes

TO: All State Directors, State Directors-at-Large, District  
Directors, and County Supervisors, FmHA

Purpose/Intended Outcome:

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you of the current status of the Farmer Program Information System (FARMS) and to advise you of a few changes in FARMS reporting, that are effective immediately.

Comparison with Previous AN:

This Administrative Notice (AN) supplements FmHA AN No. 1315 (2006), Subject: Farmer Program Information System, dated December 26, 1985, by deleting certain reporting requirements in order to reduce the reporting burden. This AN should be filed with AN 1315 (2006).

Implementation Responsibilities:

As was indicated in FmHA AN No. 1315 (2006) finalized changes to FARMS are on hold pending decisions on reporting requirements. So that some immediate relief from the burden of FARMS reporting can be implemented, the following reporting changes are effective immediately:

1. Renumbered loans (reamortizations, reschedulings, consolidations, or debt set-asides) are no longer required for FARMS reporting.
2. The requirement to submit a Set 4, to modify a FARMS loan in the data base when the status of that loan changes, is no longer required.
3. Due to the enactment of the Farm Bill of 1985, prohibiting the required use of the Coordinated Financial Statement (CFS), all financial data supplied to FARMS will now be reported on Set 2. Set 8, previously used for reporting financial data for those borrowers on CFS, is abolished and should no longer be submitted.
4. All field offices should "restrict" all efforts on FARMS reporting to loans closed during FY 1986. Offices which may have missing loans for prior fiscal years should not submit those loans until requested to do so by the National Office.

Expiration Date: April 30, 1987 Filing Instructions: File preceding  
FmHA Instruction 2006-J

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Due to a formatting error by the FARMS data entry contractor, recent mailings of FARMS data contained blanks or erroneous data. Any office which received computer sets with a run date of February 21 through April 11, 1986, will receive corrected documents. When you receive the corrected documents, you may dispose of the sets which are in error.

Again, we would like to stress the importance of complete and accurate FARMS reporting due to the varied uses of FARMS data by such users as the Office of Management and Budget, the General Accounting Office, the Department, and FmHA. With this in mind, it is imperative that every effort be made to ensure that all loans closed in FY 1986 are included in the FARMS data base. Section II of the User's Guide provides direction as to the sets and other information required for each loan type.

Should you have any questions regarding the above changes, please direct them to the Financial and Productivity Analysis Division on FTS 475-4618 or (202) 475-4618.



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